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# NATIONAL BULB COMPANY

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*High Quality  
Flower Seeds and Bulbs*

1000 Virginia Ave. S.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.





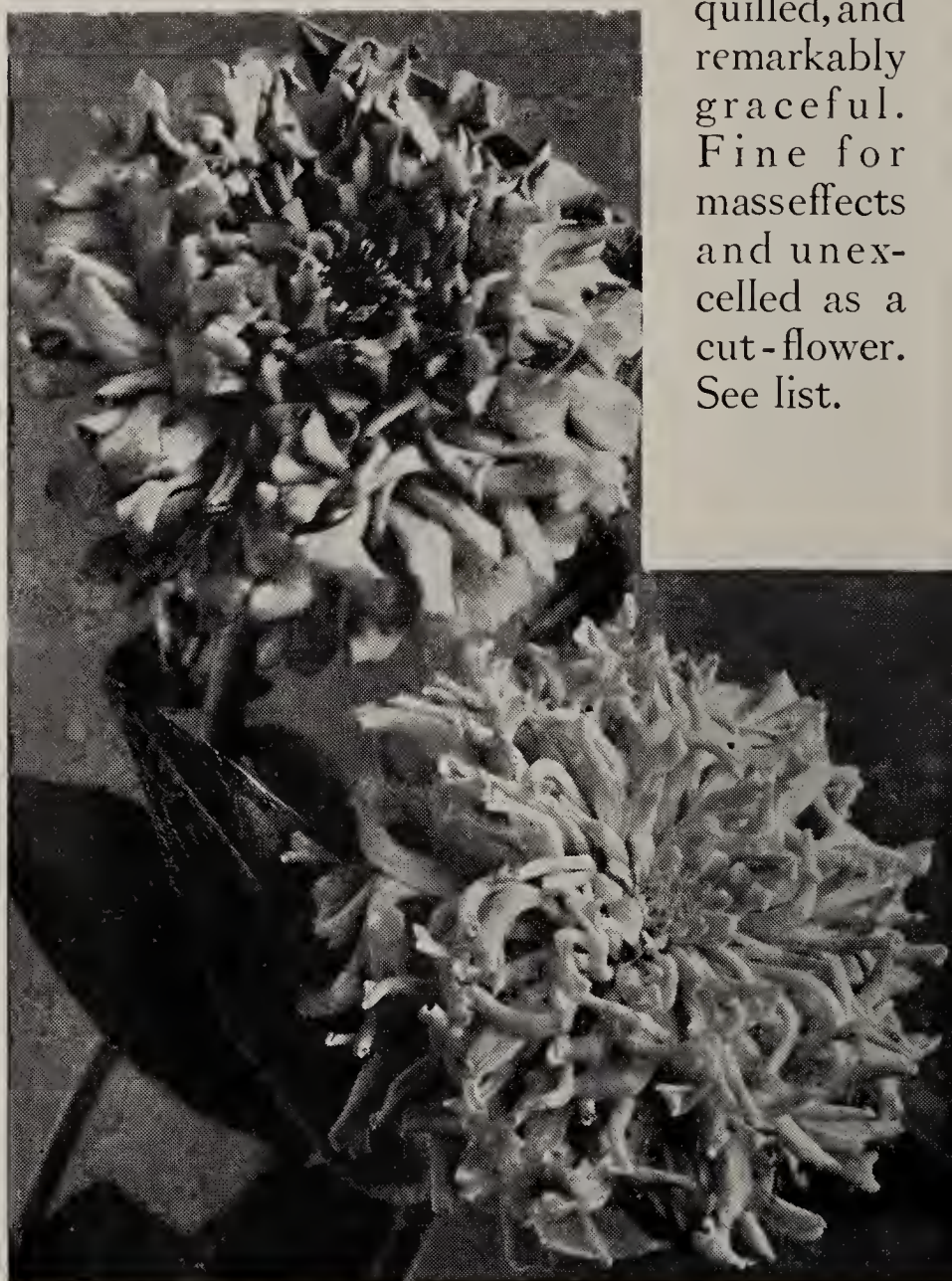
## Double Fringed Petunias

This very fine strain has been produced through years of crossing and selection. A bed or border of these Petunias is always much admired. See list for further information.

## New "Fantasy" Zinnia

A fascinating new Zinnia type that pleases because of its distinctiveness. It is informal,

quilled, and remarkably graceful. Fine for masseffects and unexcelled as a cut-flower. See list.





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## *"Our Patrons' Confidence Is Maintained"*

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Good Seeds Cannot Be Bought for Less Than N. B. C. Prices. Better Seeds Cannot Be Bought At Any Price.

All of the seeds we send out have been given recent germination tests and we know they will grow with proper care. If they do not grow, write us (enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope) and we shall try to help you to assist Nature.

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### CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF SALES

**How To Remit:** Send money-order or local (only) check with each order. Add up the items in your order and include postage, if necessary, as provided in the Special Notice below. No C. O. D. orders accepted. **Orders by mail only.**

**Notice To Customers Outside of the United States:** In remitting at the time of ordering, due to the Exchange rates we prefer that you send P. O. money-order in U. S. Funds or a check draft on a Washington, D. C. bank in par U. S. Funds.

**Special Notice:** We prepay postage free on all Flower Seeds offered in this catalogue up to 5 pounds in the first and second zones.

Bulbs, corms and roots are more or less bulky. These are priced reasonably and are not sent post-paid. If wanted by Parcel Post, add to the amount of your bill for these items as follows: 5c for 1 to 6 bulbs inclusive, 10c for 10 to 25 bulbs inclusive, 15c for 30 to 50 bulbs inclusive and 25c for 60 to 100 bulbs inclusive, to partially cover postage (local, first and second zones). Shipments beyond the second zone take the Zone Rates.

If insufficient amount is remitted to include postage the goods will be mailed or shipped with postage or transportation charge due on arrival.

**Shipping Instructions—**Please state by what method you wish goods forwarded, otherwise we shall ship according to our best judgment.

#### **Conditions of Sales—**

All sales and acknowledgments are contingent on crop failures and our ability to make deliveries in conformity with the "Federal Plant Quarantine Act", partial deliveries by growers or merchants or other unavoidable causes beyond our control, including clerical errors. All prices are subject to change without notice. All orders accepted on condition that our stock is not exhausted. The confidence of our customers is maintained because of our effort to supply fresh, plump seeds that are true to name. Our bulbs will produce good flowering results under average conditions. However, so many factors are beyond our control that, in accordance with the universal custom of the trade, the National Bulb Company does not warrant in any way, express or implied, the contents, description, productiveness or any other matter of any bulbs or seeds sold by us and will not in any way be responsible for the crop. If the purchaser does not accept these terms the goods must be returned within five days and the entire purchase money will be refunded.

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# N. B. C. "SUPERIOR" QUALITY SEEDS

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## NOVELTIES

### Recent Introductions and Specialties

#### AGERATUM "BLUE CAP" (New)

Best dwarf Ageratum yet offered. Blooms large; rich blue color; compact, small foliage; ideal border edging.

Pkt. 9c, large pkt. 35c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.25.

#### IMPERIAL DWARF "BLUE BALL"

Old favorite Ageratum but satisfactory. Grows 8 inches.

Large pkt. 15c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 75c, oz. \$1.35

#### AGERATUM "PINK MASTERPIECE"

Good for cut flowers in the home; 2 feet tall; fine pink shade.

Large pkt. 20c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 90c

#### ANTIRRHINUM "TWILIGHT"

(Snapdragon)

One of a new type of snapdragon. Extra large flowers but semi-dwarf plants. Beautiful delicate apricot, salmon shading.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 95c

#### ANTIRRHINUM TOM THUMB "PINKIE"

Quaint little plant of 6-inch stature, bright rosy pink flowers. Free blooming habit; especially desirable for bedding and edging.

Pkt. 9c, large pkt. 35c

#### ASTER "LOS ANGELES"

The largest new Giants of California late type. Distinctive because the petals of the very large flowers are unusually curled and interlaced. Pure shell pink. Stems very long. Because of non-lateral habit dis-budding is unnecessary.

Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.50

#### ASTER

##### New Giant Peony Flowered

Exceptionally fine strain producing flowers of immense size; very double; long, heavy stems, quite free from laterals. Blooms are good shippers.

**Azure Fairy**—Clear azure blue.

**Maiden's Blush**—Delicate flesh color.

**Swansdown**—Pure white

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. \$1.75

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#### ASTER—NEW GIANT CALIFORNIA "IMPROVED SUNSHINE"

One of the finest late-flowering cutflower Asters. The 4 to 5 inch flowers present a pleasing effect with the quilled disk or cushion of a fine light yellow and surrounding guard petals in shades of apple blossom, deep rose, blue and lavender. Flowers long stemmed. 3-foot plant. Mixed colors only.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.20

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#### CALENDULA "SUNSHINE"

New. Clear buttercup-yellow. Very attractive.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c

#### CANTERBURY BELLS (Annual)

Campanula

This new annual blooms from seed in less than six months. 2 to 2½ feet. 6 to 8 spikes of bloom.

**Angelus Bell**—Rose

**Liberty Bell**—Blue

Large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 75c

Selected N. B. C. Mixture—

Pkt. 12c, large pkt. 25c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 95c

#### CELOSIA OSTRICH PLUME "HEATHERDELL"

(Cockscomb)

This Plumosa variety produces large trusses of gracefully feathered and interlaced plumes. Pink, red and yellow shades mixed. Attracted much at-



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tention at the Century of Progress Exposition in 1933. Good for cutting.  
Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$2.00

### **CELOSIA PLUMOSA**

#### **"Chrysantheflora"**

Another splendid decorative variety; excellent for cutting. Plants semi-dwarf; enormous flower heads; range of colors including salmon, pink and bronze.  
Pkt. 8c, large pkt. 30c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 80c

### **COREOPSIS (Perennial)**

#### **LANCEOLATA GRANDIFLORA FL. PL.**

Perfectly hardy golden yellow perennial; fine for cutting. Flowers double and semi-double. Quite unique.  
Pkt. 5c, large pkt. 20c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 70c

### **COSMOS "ORANGE FLARE"**

#### **(New)**

Awarded Gold Medal in "All American Trials". Vivid orange; early flowering.  
Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.75

### **COSMOS "KLONDYKE"**

Very attractive late-flowering type; orange-yellow color; only 16 inches high.  
Pkt. 5c, large pkt. 20c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 70c

### **DELPHINIUM "ICEBERG"**

#### **(Perennial)**

A lovely new pure white variety. Strong, robust grower; 4 feet in height. Blooms June to August. An exceptional novelty.  
Pkt. 25c, large pkt. 75c, 1-16 oz. \$1.05

### **HELICHRYSUM MONSTROSUM**

#### **(Straw Flower)**

One of the best everlasting. Large double flowers; good for decorations when fresh or when dried. Deep rose, yellow, crimson, violet, pink, white or mixed.  
Pkt. 5c, large pkt. 15c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 25c oz. 75c

### **LARKSPUR (Annual)**

#### **"EXQUISITE PINK IMPROVED"**

A new race and one of the most popular annuals for cutting. Belongs to the Giant Imperial group. A definite improvement over the old type; lovely salmon pink; comes practically 100 per cent true.  
Pkt. 6c, large pkt. 25c

### **LUPINE (Annual)**

#### **"GIANT HARTWEGI"**

A much improved strain; 3 to 4 foot plants that produce from 4 to 6 spikes. Blooms much larger than the old type. N. B. C. "Superior" Mixture.  
Pkt. 10c, large pkt. 40c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 70c

### **MARIGOLD "GUINEA GOLD"**

#### **(New African)**

This distinctly valuable novelty is of a new type that produces no singles whatever, the flowers coming 100 per cent double or semi-double. The loosely ruffled flower is clear, golden orange in color. The lack of the usual African Marigold odor and also its excellent keeping qualities as a cut flower have contributed toward its phenomenal success.  
Pkt. 10c, large pkt. 40c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 85c

### **NASTURTIUM "GOLDEN GLEAM"**

#### **New-Sweet Scented**

The most popular novelty of recent years. Semi-trailing, sweet scented. The vigorous bushes throw out runners averaging 18 inches. Erect, stiff stems of 6 inch length; large, golden yellow double flowers 2 to 3 inches across. Splendid for cutting as well as for window boxes, borders, etc.  
Large pkt. 10c,

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### **NASTURTIUM "SCARLET GLEAM"**

#### **New-Sweet Scented**

Another fine development in fragrant Nasturtiums. Fiery orange-scarlet color; 3 inches across; more

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uniformly double than Golden Gleam. Foliage beautiful lush green.  
Large pkt. 25c,

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### NASTURTIIUM "GLEAM" HYBRIDS

These sweet-scented hybrid Nasturtiums comprise a collection of the largest and most gorgeously colored novelties in this new group. The well-formed flowers are of dazzling beauty.  
Large pkt. 25c,

### PETUNIA "PINK GEM"

#### New Race of Miniature Petunias

Pink Gem is the first of this distinctly new race of dwarf Petunias, indispensable for borders, window boxes, rock gardens and bedding. Neat, compact plants 5 to 6 inches high and 8 inches across; covered with as many as 25 to 30 deep pink blooms, each 2 inches in diameter.  
Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$1.40

### PETUNIA NANA COMPACTA (Dwarf)

#### N. B. C. "Superior" Mixture

The detailed description above applies here, but this mixture combines a fine selection of colors that includes deep rose, crimson, and many shades of these, and white.  
Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 50c

### PETUNIA "NETTED BLUE GEM"

#### (Balcony Type)

Novelties such as this are infrequent. Introduces the new color of "steel blue" to the Balcony class. Large flowers beautifully veined, clustered on extra long branches. Especially adapted for window boxes, baskets and bedding. Comes practically 100 per cent true from seed. Entirely distinct from the ordinary blue variety.  
Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$1.65

### SALVIA "FIRE KING" (New)

#### (Scarlet Sage)

Exceedingly dwarf; flowers about 4 weeks earlier than other existing types. Compact habit; completely covered with medium sized, brilliant scarlet blooms; ideal bedder. Plump seeds of high germination give "Superior" results.  
Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.55, oz. \$4.80

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### CALENDULA "ORANGE SHAGGY" (New)

A revelation in Calendulas—a distinct departure from the usual forms. Valuable cut flower; long fringed petals that overlap, presenting the shaggy appearance of a Chrysanthemum. Color deep orange, lighter toward center. Under average conditions will make long stems on plants 18 inches in height.  
Pkt. 15c, large pkt. 60c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.25, oz. \$4.50

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### STATICE DUMOSA

#### (Novelty)

A "Superior" Statice for Drying. New and perfectly hardy perennial;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet high; dense flower clusters of lavender hue when fresh and pure silvery gray when dry. Invaluable 'filler' to lighten the effect of heavier blooms.  
Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.80

### STOCK "ANTIQUE COPPER"

#### (Early Giant Imperial)

A new Improved Bismarck; high percentage of double flowers. 24 to 30 inches; novel and attractive in shade, a rich hellebore red.  
Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.25

### VERBENA "BEAUTY OF OXFORD HYBRIDS"

#### (Novelty)

An exquisite giant hybrid. Shading from clear rose pink to rose red makes these the brightest rose Verbenas yet produced from seed. Single florets over 1 inch across.  
Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.30



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## VERBENA GRANDIFLORA "Lavender Glory" (Novelty)

This, being a true hybrid, will come one-third white, but this handicap is largely disregarded because of the remaining two-thirds of beautiful lavender flowers that are so worth while. Medium size, creamy white eye and very fragrant. Single florets about 1½ inches.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c, ¼ oz. \$1.30

## ZINNIA "SCABIOUS-FLOWERED" (New)

Medium sized flowers similar to annual Scabiosa. Fine for cutting. Choice mixed colors.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c, ¼ oz. \$1.00

## ZINNIA PUMILA PICOTEE "DELIGHT"

An especially fine variety in light and deep salmon shades, and well thought of as a cut flower Zinnia. Flowers about 3 inches across.

Pkt. 10c, large pkt. 40c,

## ZINNIA "FANTASY"

### The Leading 1935 Novelty

New free-flowering Zinnia, blooms 3 inches across, brilliant colors and new pastel shades, strikingly quilled and twisted, long heavy stems, fine for cutting.

Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c

## GIANT DAHLIA-FLOWERED ZINNIAS

### N. B. C. "Superior" Mixture

These Dahlia-flowered Zinnias are not of the ordinary class—they are of the true type, the Giant blooms being extra large and excellent for cutting.

Pkt. 5c, large pkt. 20c, ½ oz. \$1.00, oz. \$1.75

## N. B. C. "SUPERIOR" SEED SPECIALTIES

### SELECTED CHOICE STRAINS

#### ANTIRRHINUM

##### Majus Grandiflorum (New) (Snapdragon)

New Improved Large Early-flowering type. Flowers three weeks earlier with more florets per spike in full bloom at one time than any other class. Uniform habit of growth, 2½ feet high. Below are the best varieties.

**After Glow**—Finest golden orange.

**Ceylon Court**—Standard earliest yellow.

**Cheviot Maid (Yoder Strain)**—Light shade of rose. Very choice.

**Cheviot Maid Supreme**—Fairly deep rose. THE standard pink.

**New Cincinnati**—The finest light rose; choice shade; large flowers.

**Rose Queen**—Choice, deep rose-pink. Very fine.

**Sun Tan**—Orange-tan, extra early.

**Terry's Surprise**—Rich rose, shaded orange. Very choice.

Above; ¼ large pkt. 35c, large pkt. \$1.00, 2 large pkts. \$1.75

**Coate's Yellow Perfection**—Finest deep yellow—a beautiful color.

**Velvet Beauty**—American Beauty Red. Early flowering Above: ¼ large pkt. 45c, large pkt. \$1.50, 2 large pkts. \$2.75

**Bertha Baur**—The only early lavender.

**Kirkwood Beauty**—Bronze-orange. Excellent.

**New Deal**—Very early, fragrant, a rich golden-bronze. Above: ¼ large pkt. 60c, large pkt. \$2.00, 2 large pkts. \$3.50

#### ASTERS

##### (Wilt Resistant)

The wilt disease fungus may attack the plant at any stage of maturity. Unless bred to withstand Aster wilt many varieties will succumb to the disease, especially if on wilt infected soil. We sell this strain to withstand Aster wilt with the understanding that the disease is specific and is not associated with Aster "Yellows" or any other Aster disease. The varieties

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listed are especially resistant, and valuable cut flower colors.

**American Beauty**—Very attractive mid-blue; true incurved Beauty form.

**American Branching Azure Blue**—Attractive clear medium blue.

**Deep Rose**—Long stemmed, extra bright deep rose color. A very pleasing shade, incurved petals; fine for shipping.

**Deep Purple**—Deep bright purple; same incurved shape as **Deep Rose**. Extra long stemmed.

**White Early**—A fine strain.

**White Late**—Splendid long-stemmed, large-flowered white. Belongs to the late-branching class.

**Crego Deep Rose**—Best of mid-season deep-rose colors.

**Royal Azure Blue**—The earliest flowering variety in this color.

**Royal Purple**—An excellent color

**N. B. C. Resistant Mixture (Early)**—Made up of Queen of the Market and Royals.

**N. B. C. Resistant Mixture (Late)**—Will provide flowers through September.

Prices on above varieties:

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 85c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. \$1.50

### AQUILEGIA (COLUMBINE)

**Mrs. Scott Elliott Strain**—The finest long-spurred mixture obtainable.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$2.15

**Jaetsehauit**—Large yellow with red spurs.

**Silver Queen**—Long spurred, silvery white.

Above two: Pkt. 10c, large pkt. 40c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.35

**Coerulea (Rocky Mt. Blue)**—Blue sepals and white corolla. New crop Colorado seed in quantity.

Pkt. 8c, large pkt. 35c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 85c

### CALENDULA (POT MARIGOLD)

Select, true to name stock in the best varieties.

**Masterpiece**—Full deep orange brown center. Extra long stemmed, vigorous growth.

**Long Orange**—The standard long-stemmed orange, light center.

**Ball Gold**—Extra long-stemmed golden yellow, light center.

**Lemon Queen**—Medium deep yellow, attractive dark brown center.

**Supreme**—Light shade of orange, brown center. Freer flowering than any of above.

**Apricot**—Rich apricot or straw-colored, brown center. Same habit as "Supreme".

Above: Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.25, oz. \$3.50

**N. B. C. Calendula Mixture**—A mixture of all of the above. Contains a large proportion of orange colors

Pkt. 10c, large pkt. 40c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.10, oz. \$2.80

### DELPHINIUM (Perennial)

**Belladonna Improved**—Choice light blue. Excellent keeper.

Pkt. 9c, large pkt. 35c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 55c

**Belladonna Regular**—

Large pkt. 25c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 50c

**Bellamosum**—Dark blue.

Pkt. 10c, large pkt. 40c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 55c

The above comprise the standard cut flower group. For home use or as commercial cut flowers the following are especially desirable.

**Blackmore and Langdon Strain**—Colors from light to dark blue, extra heavy flower spikes, large individual florets. We have a choice stock of this finest hybrid strain.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 95c

**Hollyhock Wrexham Strain**—Another fine hybrid strain with extra-long tapering spikes.

Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$1.50

**Gold Medal Hybrids**—Very good.

Pkt. 7c, large pkt. 25c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. \$1.00

### ESCHSCHOLTZIA

#### (California Poppy)

Our Poppy seed is grown in the "Sunshine" State by a leading specialist. Very attractive annuals.

**Aurantiaea**—The true California Poppy; golden yellow

Pkt. 8c, large pkt. 15c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz 30c, oz. 50c

**Lovely**—Rose pink and salmon.

Pkt. 11c, large pkt. 17c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 90c



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**Salmon Beauty**—Flowers large, double, creamy salmon color.

Pkt. 8c, Large pkt. 15c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 45c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 80c

**Ramona Hybrids**—Frilled, coppery gold and orange shades.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 20c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50c,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 90c

**Dazzler**—Bright scarlet

**Fireflame**—Orange scarlet.

**Double "Rose Bowl"**—Pleasing rose shade, double.

Above 3: Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 20c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 30c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 55c

### PANSIES

Listed below are five of the choicest strains of Pansies obtainable, with special selections in two of the best strains. The results of germination and flower production trials are reflected in the selection of these strains. Our seeds are carefully stored and tested late in June for viability. Sow in July or August in a cool shaded place.

**Englemann's Special (New)**—This strain comes from England. Very choice for bedding purposes, compact habit, early flowering, reddish-brown shades. Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$2.37

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**Maple Leaf Giants**—The largest flowering strain of Pansies. Fine heavy stems; especially strong growth to withstand our hot summer weather.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$2.00

**Super Maple Leaf Giants**—A selection for extra strong growth and large flowers. The final word in Giants

Pkt. 25c, large pkt. \$1.00,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$3.00

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**Improved Swiss Giants**—A choice well-known strain, very bright colors. Excellent in size, stem and free flowering habit.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$1.67

**Super Swiss Giants**—A Swiss Giant selection for richer coloring and size.

Pkt. 20c, large pkt. 75c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$2.60

**Roggli Giant Mixture**—A fairly large flowering strain of fancy shades. Excellent for all purposes.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$1.42

**Steele's Masterpiece**—An American-produced strain. A good proportion will give wavy or ruffled-edged blooms.

Pkt. 20c, large pkt 75c,  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. \$2.00

### PETUNIAS

The following varieties marked "Monster" are of giant size; ruffled or not as indicated. From a leading specialist and all true to name.

#### Single

**Pink Monster (Ruffled)**—Flowers 6 to 8 inches, strongly veined center. One of largest and best varieties.

**Flesh Pink Monster (Ruffled)**—A new color in Monsters. 5 to 6 inches across.

**Salmon Rose Monster (Ruffled)**—Very beautiful Petunia; light veined center, 5 to 6 inches across.

**Heliotrope Monster (Ruffled)**—Pinkish-mauve color with deeper veined center. 5 to 6 inches across. Very fine.

**Mauve Monster (Ruffled)**—Centers heavily veined with royal purple. About 5 inches across, very fragrant.

**Copper Red Monster (Ruffled)**—5 to 6 inch diameter with smoky center. A definite "hit" at the Chicago Exposition in 1934.

**Pink Glory Monster**—Pure flame rose-pink—no trace of purple; 3 to 4 inches across. Especially good for window boxes and massing in beds. One of the most showy varieties.

**Mixed Monsters (Ruffled)**—A fine mixture of best colors and varieties.

Above varieties: Pkt. 15c, large pkt. 50c, 2 large pkts. 90c.

**Blue "Perfection"**—Especially recommended. Semi-dwarf, very free-flowering. Flowers deep, silky blue, 3 to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches across.

Pkt. 10c, large pkt. 25c

#### Double

These double varieties were raised from Double Petunias and will give a high percentage of double seedlings. The slowest and poorest seedlings should not be discarded as they will prove to be the best doubles.

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## N. B. C. "SUPERIOR" QUALITY BULBS

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**Salmon**—A new Double of a beautiful shade. Very popular. 4 inch diam.

**Copper Red**—An exceptional new color that attracts immediate attention. 4 inches across.

**Large Double Fringed Mixed**—This double strain leads them all. 75 per cent of doubles and single types heavily frilled. Blooms when only 3 to 4 inches high. Flowers truly enormous.

Above varieties: Pkt. 25c, large pkt. \$1.00, 2 large pkts. \$1.35

### POPPY (Iceland or Naudicaule)

**Sanford's Giants**—Strong grower, long stems. Fine mixture for cutting.

Pkt. 13c, large pkt. 50c, 1-16 oz. \$1.00

### SWEET PEAS (Early Flowering)

#### The Best Standard Varieties

All suitable for outdoors. Most valuable varieties for cut flowers. Get early blooms—plant in February.

We are suggesting this especially in districts similar to Washington, D. C. where hot weather interferes considerably with the summer-flowering type. These will be attractive during early summer. Our seed is obtained from a specialist and is THE best.

**Improved Rose**—The finest variety in this color class.

**Laddie**—Bright, clear, extra large rose; vigorous growth, long stems.

**Jeanne Mamitseh**—Rose, long stemmed, free flowering, heavy growth.

**Majestic Rose**—Bright rose, slightly deeper than either of above two. Long stemmed, free flowering.

**Harmony**—Fine standard lavender, slightly shaded rose.

**Fragrance**—Clear even lavender without the shading of Harmony.

**Ball Blue**—Bright medium blue. Extra free flowering habit, fairly long-stemmed.

**Mrs. Hoover**—Improvement on Blue Bird, being a brighter shade. Extra long stemmed, strong growth, free flowering.

**Hope**—Best standard black-seeded white. Fine size, long stems, vigorous growth.

Above: ½ oz. 55c, oz. 95c, 4 ozs. \$2.75, ½ lb. \$5.00.

**Prosperity**—Soft glowing rose color, light cream shading. Extra large flowers, long-stemmed. Highly attractive.

**Early Attraction (New)**—Deep sparkling rose and salmon combination. Belongs to large-flowering, long-stemmed class.

Above: ½ oz. 70c, oz. \$1.20, 4 ozs. \$4.12, ½ lb. \$7.50

**Eileen (New)**—Rich Begonia Rose, changing under certain lights to dazzling cerise. Large, beautifully ruffled and waved, vigorous plants.

½ oz. \$1.27, oz. \$2.00, 4 ozs. \$7.00 ½ lb. \$12.00

### ZINNIAS—Giant Dahlia Flowered

We can supply separate colors of the true Giant Dahlia-flowered Zinnias as follows: Canary Bird (delicate primrose yellow), Crimson Giant, Dream (deep lavender), Exquisite (light rose), Golden Dawn (bright golden yellow), Golden State (orange yellow), Illumination (deep rose pink), Old Rose, Oriole (orange and gold), Purple Prince (deep purple), Scarlet Flame (bright scarlet and orange), and Polar Bear (pure white)

Prices on above varieties:

Pkt. 6c, large pkt. 25c, ½ oz. \$1.10, oz. \$2.00

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## BULBS, ROOTS, TUBERS AND CORMS

### HARDY JAPAN LILIES (Lilium)

Held in cold storage, excellent condition. Delivery April and May except where noted. Reserve now. All 8 to 9 inch bulbs except where noted.

**L. Auratum (Gold Banded)**—White, dotted crimson, clear golden band through center of each petal. Very fragrant.

3 for 55c, 12 for \$2.00, 100 for \$15.00



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**L. Auratum Platyphyllum (Giant Golden Banded Lily)**  
—Similar in color to Auratum, heavily spotted, but much larger with petals more overlapping and of greater substance.

3 for 90c, 12 for \$3.25, 100 for \$25.00

**L. Speciosum Rubrum Magnificum**—Flowers with white ground, spotted pink, good substance.

3 for 70c, 12 for \$2.50, 100 for \$22.00

**L. Speciosum Album**—Pure white, beautiful recurved petals, very fragrant.

3 for 85c, 12 for \$3.00, 100 for \$20.00

**L. Tigrinum Splendens**—Old fashioned Tiger Lily, bright orange with black spots. Blooms freely in mid-summer.

**Single**—3 for 55c, 12 for \$2.00, 100 for \$15.00

**Double**—Same prices as for Single.

### OTHER HARDY LILIES

**L. Regale (Royal Lily)**—Hardest white garden variety. Finest single crowned Oregon-grown bulbs. Shipment up until April 1.

7 to 8 inch bulbs—3 for 85c, 12 for \$3.00, 100 for \$20.00

5 to 6 inch bulbs—3 for 55c, 12 for \$2.00, 100 for \$15.00

**L. Canadense (Meadow Lily)**—Graceful, drooping, bell-shaped, yellow and red flowers. Fine bulbs.

**L. Tenuifolium (Coral Lily of Siberia)**—Attractive finely cut foliage, beautifully shaded coral-red flowers. Fine for cutting. First size bulbs.

**L. Superbum**—Brilliant orange-red, purple spots. Fine bulbs.

Above 3 varieties: 3 for 55c, 12 for \$2.00, 100 for \$15.00

**L. Henryi (Yellow Show Lily)**—Fine orange colored sort with dark spots.

3 for 90c, 12 for \$3.25, 100 for \$25.00

Note: We suggest winter mulching for hardy lilies.

### GLADIOLUS

The following "Superior" offering was selected from among the 50 most popular varieties chosen by the American Gladiolus Society, a compilation of favorites for 4 years, and our list includes 24 of the varieties selected. The figures in parentheses designate the rating. The corms quoted below are larger than ordinary "blooming size" stock. They are top size, 1½ inch and up, and will throw larger spikes than any smaller sized corms possibly could. We anticipate a brisk demand for "Superior" Glads this spring and want to supply "top size" stock, so please order early.

#### Salmon Pink

**Mr. W. H. Phipps (1)**—Flesh pink overlaid rose salmon  
10 for 52c, 25 for \$1.25, 100 for \$4.75

**Mrs. Leon Douglas (3)**—Begonia pink, orange-scarlet stripe.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

**Betty Nuthall (9)**—Large orange-pink flower with yellow throat.

10 for 50c, 25 for \$1.18, 100 for \$4.00

**Los Angeles (42)**—Delicate pink with flame feather.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

**Richard Diener (36)**—Pure geranium pink, dotted ruby-red throat

10 for 48c, 25 for \$1.13, 100 for \$3.85

**Picardy (48)**—New. Soft shrimp pink, edges deeper.

10 for \$2.00, 25 for \$4.70, 100 for \$15.00

#### Light Pink

**Mrs. P. W. Sisson (13)**—Cameo pink, creamy blotch.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

**Mrs. Dr. Norton (20)**—Delicate pink, creamy blotch.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

**Mrs. Frank Pendleton (29)**—Pink, carmine blotch.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

#### Pure Pink

**Giant Nymph (10)**—Light rose pink, creamy throat.

10 for 40c, 25 for 95c, 100 for \$3.25

**Longfellow (16)**—La France pink.

10 for 40c, 25 for 95c, 100 for \$3.25

#### Rose

**Pride of Wanakah (50)**—Deep rose.

10 for 50c, 25 for \$1.20, 100 for \$4.50

#### Lavender

**Minuet (2)**—Rich lavender, white pencil mark.

10 for 65c, 25 for \$1.50, 100 for \$5.50

**Mrs. F. C. Peters (12)**—Rose lilac, crimson blotch.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

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**Berty Snow (32)**—Soft lilac.

10 for 80c, 25 for \$1.90, 100 for \$6.50

**Dr. Moody (34)**—Pinkish lavender, broken blotch.

10 for 52c, 25 for \$1.25, 100 for \$4.75

**Captain Boynton (44)**—Fine lavender with dark spot.

10 for 40c, 25 for 95c, 100 for \$3.25

### Light Violet

**Heavenly Blue (31)**—Delicate sky blue.

10 for \$1.10, 25 for \$2.62, 100 for \$9.00

### Scarlet

**Dr. F. E. Bennett (4)**—A rich scarlet.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

### Red

**Crimson Glow (22)**—Deep crimson, perfect form

10 for 40c, 25 for 95c, 100 for \$3.25

### White

**Mrs. F. C. Hornberger (28)**—A fine cut flower variety.

White with cream throat.

10 for 80c, 25 for \$1.90, 100 for \$6.50

### Yellow

**Golden Dream (7)**—Deep golden yellow.

10 for 50c, 25 for \$1.20, 100 for \$4.50

**Golden Measure (19)**—Deep yellow.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

### Smoky

**Marmora (6)**—French gray, Petunia blotch.

10 for 65c, 25 for \$1.50, 100 for \$5.50

## GLADIOLUS

### (Primulinus Varieties)

The following are separate from the above list. They are the best varieties of this very popular class noted for its early blooming and artistic shadings and markings.

**Alice Tiplady**—Beautiful large flowering variety. Color, orange saffron.

10 for 38c, 25 for 89c, 100 for \$3.00

**Maiden's Blush**—Popular with florists. Enchantress pink. Very early.

10 for 35c, 25 for 81c, 100 for \$2.50

**Souvenir**—Pure golden yellow, early, commercial.

10 for 40c, 25 for 95c, 100 for \$3.25

**Orange Queen**—Warm tint of orange, large flowers.

10 for 44c, 25 for \$1.00, 100 for \$3.75

## CANNAS

Our listing comprises the best obtainable in the newest varieties. Flowers large and colors clear. Dormant 3 to 5 eye roots, absolutely true to name.

**The President**—4 feet. Flowers brilliant glowing scarlet. 7 inches across. Strong grower, free bloomer, large, green foliage.

10 for \$1.45, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$9.00

**Hungaria**—3½ feet. The Best Pink Canna. Growth heavy, compact; bluish-green leaves that are unaffected by hot summer weather. Fine La France pink, velvety sheen, very large.

10 for \$1.70, 25 for \$3.75, 100 for \$12.00

**King Humbert**—4 feet. Wonderful Canna sensation. Scarlet blooms, broad, bronze foliage.

10 for \$1.45, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$9.00

**Yellow King Humbert**—4 feet. Enormous flowers; deep rich yellow, spotted with red. Foliage dark green.

10 for \$1.45, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$9.00

**City of Portland**—Deep, non-fading pink; green foliage. Excellent.

10 for \$1.70, 25 for \$3.75, 100 for \$12.00

**Copper Giant**—Coppery-red blooms of large size. Green foliage. A great favorite.

10 for \$1.70, 25 for \$3.75, 100 for \$12.00

**David Harum**—3½ feet. Vermilion-scarlet, dark bronze foliage. Strong grower, free bloomer.

10 for \$1.70, 25 for \$3.75, 100 for \$12.00

**Eureka**—4 feet. Best creamy-white Canna.

10 for \$1.45, 25 for \$3.00, 100 for \$9.00

**Mrs. Alfred L. Conard**—4 feet. Lovely salmon-pink. Large sized blooms on erect spikes.

10 for \$1.70, 25 for \$3.75, 100 for \$12.00

## PEONIES

The varieties listed were selected for their fine cut flowers with excellent keeping qualities. All are 3 to 5 eye roots and strictly true to name. The figures



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in parentheses are the ratings given them by the American Peony Society, 10 being the highest rating used. 25 of a kind at the 100 rate.

### Early

**Festiva Maxima (9.3)**—Rose type. Large white, very popular.

3 for 80c, 12 for \$2.63, 100 for \$18.10

**Monsieur Jules Elie (9.2)**—The best pink. Bomb type.

3 for \$1.40, 12 for \$4.80, 100 for \$33.10

**Adolphe Rosseau (8.5)**—Semi-double type. Flowers very large, purple-garnet color.

3 for \$1.70, 12 for \$6.85, 100 for \$40.60

**Edulis Superba (7.6)**—Crown type. Fragrant, clear mauve-pink. Usually in bloom for Decoration Day.

3 for 85c, 12 for \$2.75, 100 for \$18.10

**Madame de Verneville (7.9)**—Fragrant. Delicate rose-white. Very desirable.

3 for 80c, 12 for \$2.63, 100 for \$18.10

**Duchess de Nemours (8.1)**—Cup shape, Sulphur-white blooms with greenish reflex.

3 for 85c, 12 for \$2.75, 100 for \$18.10

**Duc de Wellington (7.8)**—Sulphur white blooms on long, stiff stems.

3 for 80c, 12 for \$2.63, 100 for \$18.10

### Midseason

**August d'Hour (7.8)**—Very deep red, bomb type.

3 for \$1.10, 12 for \$3.72, 100 for \$25.60

**Karl Rosenfield (8.8)**—Semi-rose type. Rich, dark crimson. Vigorous grower.

3 for \$1.10, 12 for \$3.72, 100 for \$25.60

**Baroness Schroeder (9.0)**—Rose type. White, flesh shadings. Ideal for cutting.

3 for \$1.70, 12 for \$6.88, 100 for \$40.60

**Felix Crousse (8.4)**—Rose type. Best ruby-red.

3 for 80c, 12 for \$2.63, 100 for \$18.10

### Late

**Marechal Vaillant (7.5)**—Light red color resembling American Beauty rose.

3 for 80c, 12 for \$2.63, 100 for \$18.10

**Marie Lemoine (8.5)**—Fragrant. Large compact pure white, creamy center and carmine tips.

3 for \$1.10, 12 for \$3.72, 100 for \$25.60

**Madame Emile Galle (8.5)**—Rose type. Fragrant, beautiful shell-pink.

3 for \$1.10, 12 for \$3.72, 100 for \$25.60

**Marguerite Gerard (8.4)**—Very pale Hydrangea pink.

3 for \$1.10, 12 for \$3.72, 100 for \$25.60

**Milton Hill (9.0)**—Rose type. Delicate lilac-pink. Flowers large. Fine variety.

3 for \$2.60, 12 for \$9.12, 100 for \$63.10

**Couronne d'Or (8.1)**—Semi-rose type Very large snow-white blooms, yellow reflex.

3 for 80c, 12 for \$2.63, 100 for \$18.10

### FANCY LEAVED CALADIUM

Exquisite conservatory plants but will also do well outdoors. Start bulbs indoors in damp sphagnum moss about April 25 and plant outdoors, after they are rooted, in a shaded location. Delivery January 1 to May 1. Large bulbs of the brightest colored Brazilian varieties.

**Mother Bulbs**—Separate named varieties.

3 for 85c, 12 for \$3.00, 100 for \$20.10

**Mixed**—Same grade and varieties.

3 for 78c, 12 for \$2.75, 100 for \$18.60

### DOUBLE TUBEROUS-ROOTED BEGONIAS

Fine for spring bedding. Bloom continuously. Following colors in 1½ to 2 inch stock: Crimson, Orange, Pink and Rose, Salmon, Scarlet, White, Yellow and Mixed.

3 for 78c, 12 for \$2.25

### YELLOW CALLA LILY

Golden yellow blooms; green foliage, spotted white. Heavy, deep, round corms, cured and shrunk before grading. 2 to 2½ inch size.

3 for 90c, 12 for \$3.25, 100 for \$22.00

### ZEPHYRANTHES (Fairy Lily)

Dwarf bulbous plant that somewhat resembles the Crocus. Plant outdoors in May and lift in the fall. Flowers all summer. Fine for rock gardens.

**Robustus**—Fine, large, lavender flowers.

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3 for 33c, 12 for \$1.30, 100 for \$8.85

**Carinata**—Pink, large showy blooms.

3 for 30c, 12 for \$1.00, 100 for \$7.50

**Treatea Alba**—White. Lily-like blooms.

3 for 20c, 12 for 70c, 100 for \$5.00

### ISMENE CALATHINA

#### (Pancratium Lily)

Beautiful waxy white bloom. Blooms very useful when cut. Plant when soil is warm and lift in the fall.

3 for 68c, 12 for \$2.42, 100 for \$16.60

### JAPANESE IRIS

Beautiful flowers on long, stout stems. Excellent for cutting. Large roots of especially fine varieties. Perfectly hardy. Plant in moist place and feed well. **Marjorie Parry**—Double. Delicate light mauve, tufted center. Fine.

3 for \$1.60, 12 for \$5.35

**Kha Khan**—Single. White suffused blue, stigmas purple. Fine and large.

**Painted Lady**—Single. Clear white, beautifully tinted pink.

Above 2 varieties: 3 for \$1.80, 12 for \$6.20

**Subotai**—Single. Rose-red. Very good.

**Temple Flower**—Single, Ivory-white heavily blended with soft bluish-violet, white veins. Inner petals edged purple.

Above 2 varieties: 3 for \$2.25, 12 for \$8.00

**Betty F. Holmes**—New, and world's finest pure white double Iris. When well grown, flowers often 1 foot across.

3 for \$2.70, 12 for \$9.75

**Violet Giant**—Semi-double. Rose violet. Blooms usually 1 foot across. Extra fine.

3 for \$4.50, 12 for \$16.00

**Separate Colors**—White, blue, purple, variegated or Mixed:

3 for 65c, 12 for \$1.85

**Special Offer On Named Varieties—**

5 each of 10 varieties (50 roots)

Our Choice: \$10.00

### TIGRIDIA PAVONIA

#### (Mexican Shell Flower)

Tiger Iris or Shell Flower, easiest culture. Although blooms are of short duration, one plant will bear remarkable flowers for 2 or 3 months. Colors vary from pure white to gold and bright scarlet, all with maroon blotches. Plant in May, 3 to 6 inches deep. Handle as Gladiolus but do not separate the bulb clusters after digging in the fall—wait until the following spring. Hybrids mixed:

3 for 55c, 12 for \$2.00, 100 for \$14.00

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### DAHLIA

The following are all good cut flower varieties and all are desirable colors.

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#### Decorative

**Dr. John H. Carman**—Vigorous grower, large flower, color tyrian rose, shaded silver.

Ea. 69c, 3 for \$1.75

**Jersey's Beauty**—Large pink flowers on long stems; keeps well in water.

Ea. 30c, 3 for 75c

**Mrs. I. de Ver Warner**—Deep mauve pink; immense flowers of perfect form.

Ea. 25c, 3 for 65c

**Rose Fallon**—Deep golden bronze shading darker; excellent cut flower.

Ea. 35c, 3 for 90c

**Seal's California**—Yellow and rose; broad petals, beautifully formed.

Ea. 50c, 3 for \$1.30

#### Cactus (C) or Semi-cactus (SC)

**Ambassador (C)**—Soft yellow buff, shaded salmon pink.

Ea. 45c, 3 for \$1.15

**Elite Gem (C)**—Spinal pink blush on primuline yellow at base.

Ea. \$1.25, 3 for \$3.00

**Joppa (SC)**—Golden apricot, suffused salmon rose. An excellent variety.

Ea. 45c, 3 for \$1.15





## **Giant-Flowered Pansies**

The beauty of our selected strains is unsurpassed. Only by growing your own plants can you be assured of giant blooms and unusual shades and markings. See list for full details.

## **Giant Dahlia Zinnias**

These brilliant-colored flowers are 5 inches or more across and 3 to 4 inches deep. Superb for the garden or for cutting. See list for details.







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Do you realize how attractive a flower garden of annuals can be? We are listing here THE BEST in selected varieties and recent introductions, any of which will make a beautiful display in your garden. N. B. C. bulbs always satisfy—they are large, sound, disease-free, and will give “Superior” blooms. If you need any items not listed, we shall be glad to quote you the same reasonable prices. Order early.

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